

A proposed national ecumenical resource

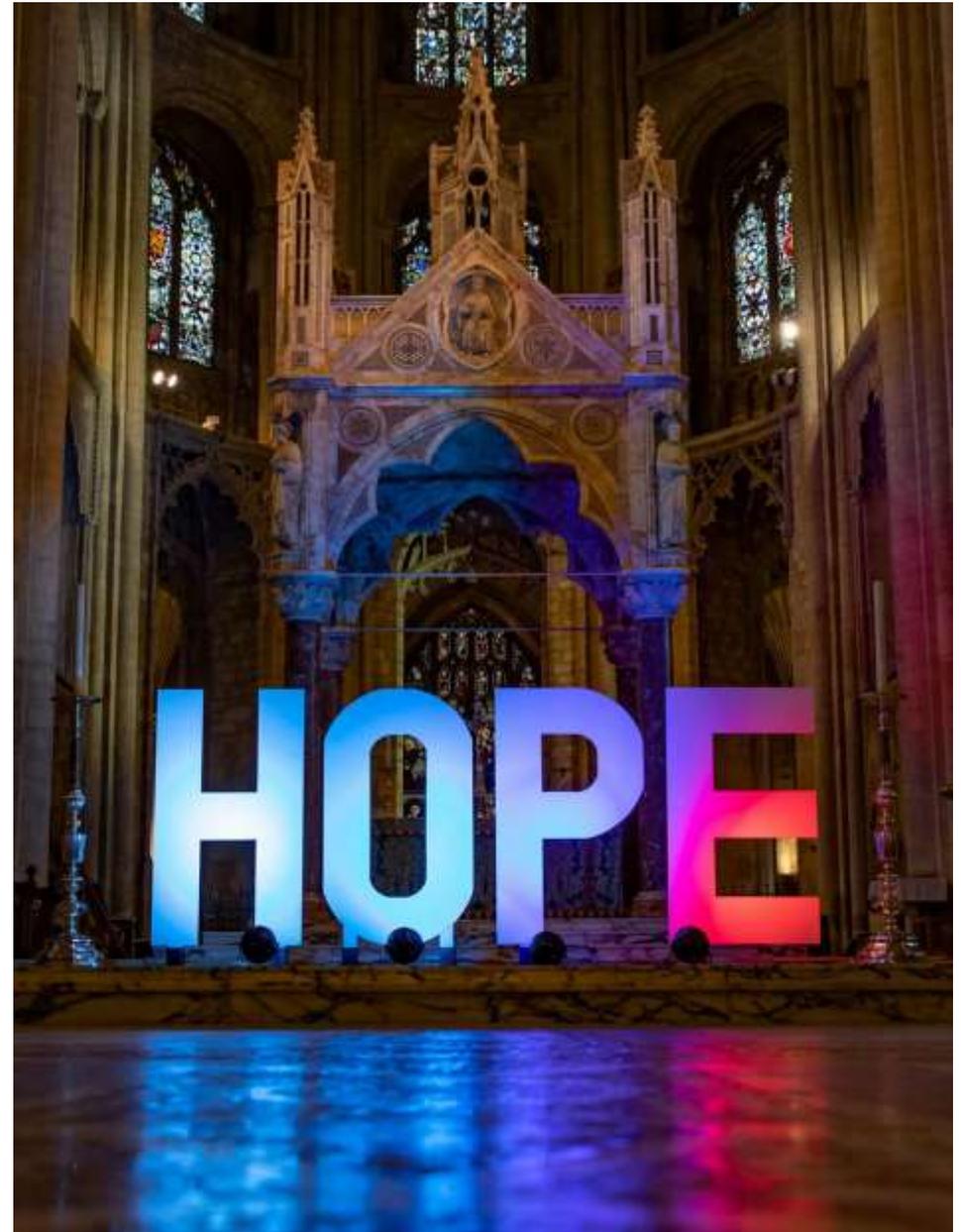
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360° CHURCH RESOURCE HUB

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Summary of 360° web resource project

- To build on the '*Crossing the Threshold*' toolkit and other resources to create a **UK wide ecumenical online portal** which provides key information and support and signposts other sources of help
- To consolidate **existing knowledge and practice** as tried and tested by churches 'like you' and pass it on in a straightforward and easily understandable format.
- **To equip churches who want to open up their buildings more and to increase their outreach**, provision of activities and care for their local communities and thus **enhance their resilience.**
- To **build confidence and expertise** by offering step by step pathways (with handholding!) to help churches review where they are and work out where they want to be.

It is **not** about creating a new organisation or writing new guidance where this already exists but about collaboration and signposting the best resources

Feedback

- No desire for a new organisation but a wide welcome for a portal making existing resources more easily accessible, which 'starts where churches are'
- Great perceived benefit in this portal having its own identity to make clear that this is a new offer, but desire that it sits on the website of a widely-respected national partner which works with all denominations
- The hub must be very visible and easy to find (there are already many good resources which are not known or too intimidating for most local churches) ie: on-going promotion
- The hub must be accessible and easy to navigate and '*find stuff*' and must be kept up to date.